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MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH MEETING OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON
EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS

16 October 1953

Present

Members: [REDACTED], CIA, Chairman

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Stanley Wilcox, State

Theodore A. Georgevitch, Army

Richard Bauer, Army (for H.J. Gordon, Jr.)

Lt. Cdr. William C. Kruse, Navy

Maj. Matthias F. Donelan, Air Force

Consultants: George Fughe, Air Information Division,
[REDACTED] CIA Library of Congress

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Observers: [REDACTED], CIA

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1. The twelfth meeting convened at 1:400 hours, 16 October 1953, in Room 2125 N Building. The minutes of the eleventh meeting were approved with the following amendment:

State (Mr. Wilcox) stated that his last statement on page 2 of the minutes of the eleventh meeting should read, "believed this would be an inappropriate use of FDD's facilities to meet State Department's needs."

2. Continuation of discussion on draft report. The Chairman outlined the expressed needs of the represented agencies as follows:

State: Collations of political and sociological information on a semiannual basis.

Army, Navy, and Air Force: Collations of military information on a quarterly and monthly basis.

CIA: (a) Coordination and reporting on the production of existing facilities; (b) the production of "Reference Aids" in the nature of bibliographic coverage by annotations, abstracts and indices of Soviet bloc publications not being covered by existing reporting; and (c) providing support for specific projects.

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State (Mr. Wilcox), Navy (Lt. Cdr. Kruse), and Air Force (Maj. Donelan) concurred in this outline. Army (Mr. Bauer) concurred but added that Army also needed some spot reporting of items of interest which could only be of value if reported promptly. CIA [REDACTED] concurred but stated that this did not include certain biographic reporting needed by OCI.

Two types or techniques of reporting having been discussed and agreed upon, biographic introduced a third separate form. At this point there was a discussion of needs in this field.

State (Mr. Wilcox) was not interested in FDD producing political biographic reports.

Army (Mr. Bauer) needs biographic information covering military personnel whether or not reported as such. This need could probably be satisfied by raw biographic information.

Air Force (Maj. Donelan) is now working on biographic information of interest to the Department.

State (Mr. Wilcox) stated that BI produced finished biographic intelligence and 70% to 80% of the time of the Russian linguists is spent in writing reports. To report all raw information would require two more bodies but he suggested that FDD as coordinator should investigate the best method of handling this type of reporting with a need toward satisfying OCI and Army.

On the basis of findings to date the committee agreed that recommendations could be framed.

The Chairman suggested that a draft of recommendations be drawn and circulated among the members for comment and for concurrence. He added that if such recommendations can be agreed on between meetings or if necessary in a special meeting for the purpose, then the agenda could be continued and China could be considered at the next regular meeting. This procedure was agreed to by the committee.

3. The agenda for the next meeting will be examination of the exploitation of the publications of China.

4. Meeting adjourned at 1530 hours, 16 October 1953. The next meeting will be held at 1400 hours, 30 October 1953, in Room 2125 M Building.

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